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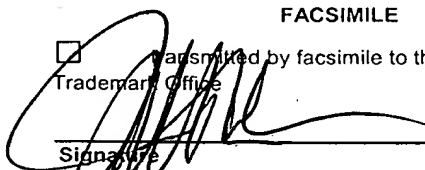
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In September 1997, I gave one and only one presentation at the Dagstuhl Workshop on Cryptography (hereinafter "the presentation") in which I described an algorithm for signatures that I named "Oil and Vinegar". The presentation was entitled "The oil and vinegar algorithm for signatures" and it included three transparencies, copies of which were given to attendees of the presentation.

The copy of the document identified as "The Oil and Vinegar Scheme" in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Citation mailed on August 28, 2000 for the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,115 is a true copy of the three transparencies of the presentation.

At page 2, line 19 (as numbered) of the specification of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,115, there is mentioned for incorporation by reference an "article titled 'The Oil and Vinegar Signature Scheme' presented at the Dagstuhl Workshop on Cryptography in September 1997". Further in the specification of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,115, at page 26, item 9 is mentioned as, "J. Patarin, The Oil and Vinegar Signature Scheme, presented at the Dagstuhl Workshop on Cryptography, September 1997 (transparencies)".

The latter confirms that the publications titled "The Oil and Vinegar Signature Scheme" in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the specification of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,115 fully correspond to the transparencies of the presentation.

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